

MEDIA, PA—On April 9, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) again convened his 7th Congressional District Labor Advisory Committee at Media Borough Hall to provide an update on a wide range of legislation that he has supported to help workers and to receive feedback from labor leaders in this region. The Congressman discussed necessary steps to improve workplace conditions, ensure fair wages, and address the economic challenges we face in the District and across the country.

“We’re in an economic war. And I say that as a Veteran who avoids taking that word for granted,” said Congressman Sestak. “But we are in an economic war, and this war requires the same sense of shared sacrifice, innovation, hard work, and character that has brought us through tough times in the past. We have many difficult days and difficult decisions before us. In the past, when the survival of our nation was challenged, our parents in government, business, and labor found the patriotism and good sense to work together while the nation was in jeopardy—we must do the same now. That’s why I continue to meet with and listen to the concerns of Labor leaders, Chambers of Commerce, municipal governments, private enterprise, civic organizations, community leaders, and individual constituents. We’re all in this together, and together we’ll overcome the challenges we face and emerge stronger than before.”

“Labor plays a crucial role in defending and strengthening the middle class that is core of the American economy,” the Congressman continued. “I’m proud of what we’ve been able to achieve to support the American worker, and I look forward to the continued work ahead.”

Present at Congressman Sestak’s Labor Advisory Committee were:

Jim Savage: President, United Steel Workers of America (USWA), Local 10-1

Fred Chamberlain: Vice President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (IBB), Local 19

Dave Schaff: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 380

Dee Tancredi: Political Director, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Philadelphia  
Federation of Teachers - Local 3

Donald Dunlevy: State Legislative Director and Chairman, United Transportation Union (UTU)  
Pennsylvania State Legislative Board

George Sacharian: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
Council 13, District Council 88

John Meyerson: Chairman of Southeastern PA Labor Federation

Wendell Young, President, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1776

Jim Young: Business Agent Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 668

Anthony Moss, Laborers International Union (LIUNA), local 413

Dennis Pagliotti: International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC), local 1

The Congressman's Labor Advisory Committee also includes:

Holly Renegar, Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA-NEA), Southeastern Region

Charles Priscopo, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 542

Paul Masich: American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), AFL-CIO Local 1698

Kathleen Casey: Communications Specialist Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals (PASNAP)

John Kane: United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (Plumbers) Local 690

Boise Butler: International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Local 1291

Stephen McNally: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 654

Dave Galliard: International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (IBB), Local 19

Gary Gaydosh: President, Philadelphia Metal Trades Council

Richard Kline: Glass Molders Pottery Plastics & Allied Workers International Union (GMP)

Tony Forte Sr: PA Cap Director, United Aerospace Workers (UAW) Local 1069

Jared Freedman: Staff Representative, AFT Pennsylvania

Willie Brown: Transport Workers Union of America AFL-CIO (TWU), Local 234

Joe Sellers: Sheet Metal Workers International Association (SMWIA) Local 19

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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